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greetings

HEY BOOMERS!

Whew! It's hot around here, but there's something even hotter for you to get excited over! Put your hands together for the return of the mighty **Knuckles** - back again for a much welcome return in a startling new four part series called **The Take-over**. The red dreadded one encounters the DRAT (Doctor Robotnik Appreciation Tribe) who are up to no good, and well, you'll just have to read on.

That other Sega favourite, Sonic I think he's called, starts a new adventure, together with the Chaotix Crew, in a faberoonie four parter called **Roots**.

Tails fans have not been left out either - catch eveyones favourite fox in a complete new story involving a flying saucer sighted hovering over the Emerald Hill Zone. Find out which villain is steering the ship in **The Sky's The Limit**.

The second **Sonic** story takes us back to the conclusion to the **Casino Night** adventure where the Marxio Brothers are displaying why they're so good at being bad con men! My only bet is you should take a chance on the next issue of *STC* in just two weeks time!

Megadroid

NEXT ISSUE THE TAKE-OVER PART 2

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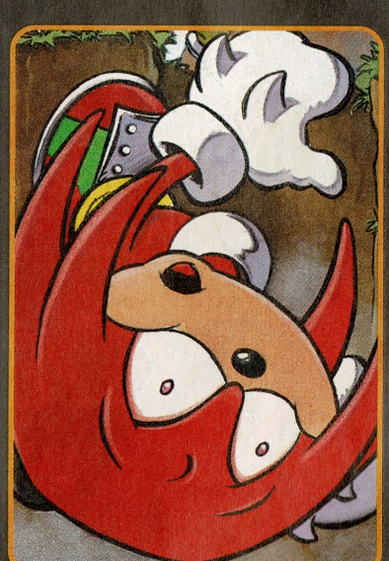

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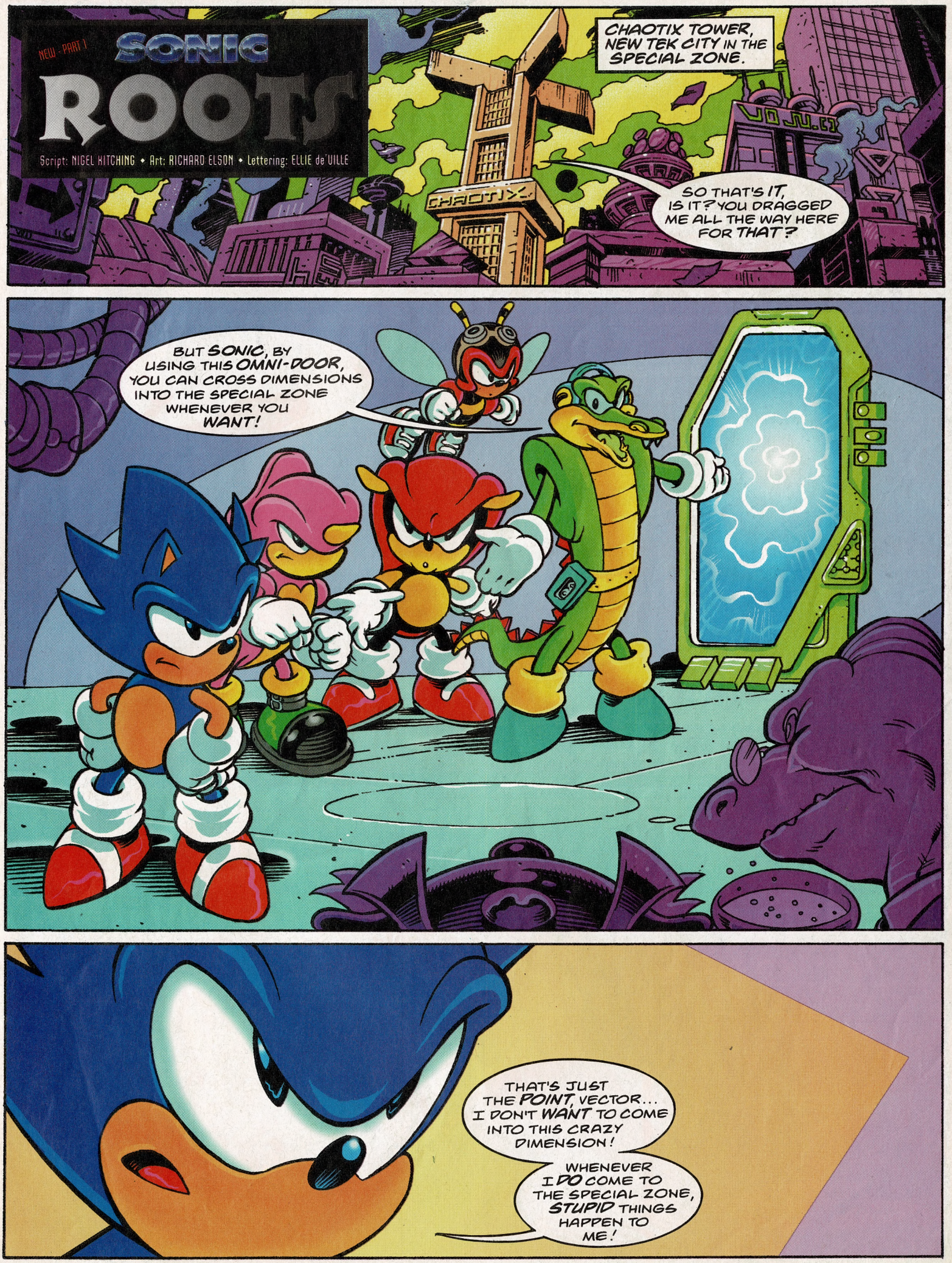
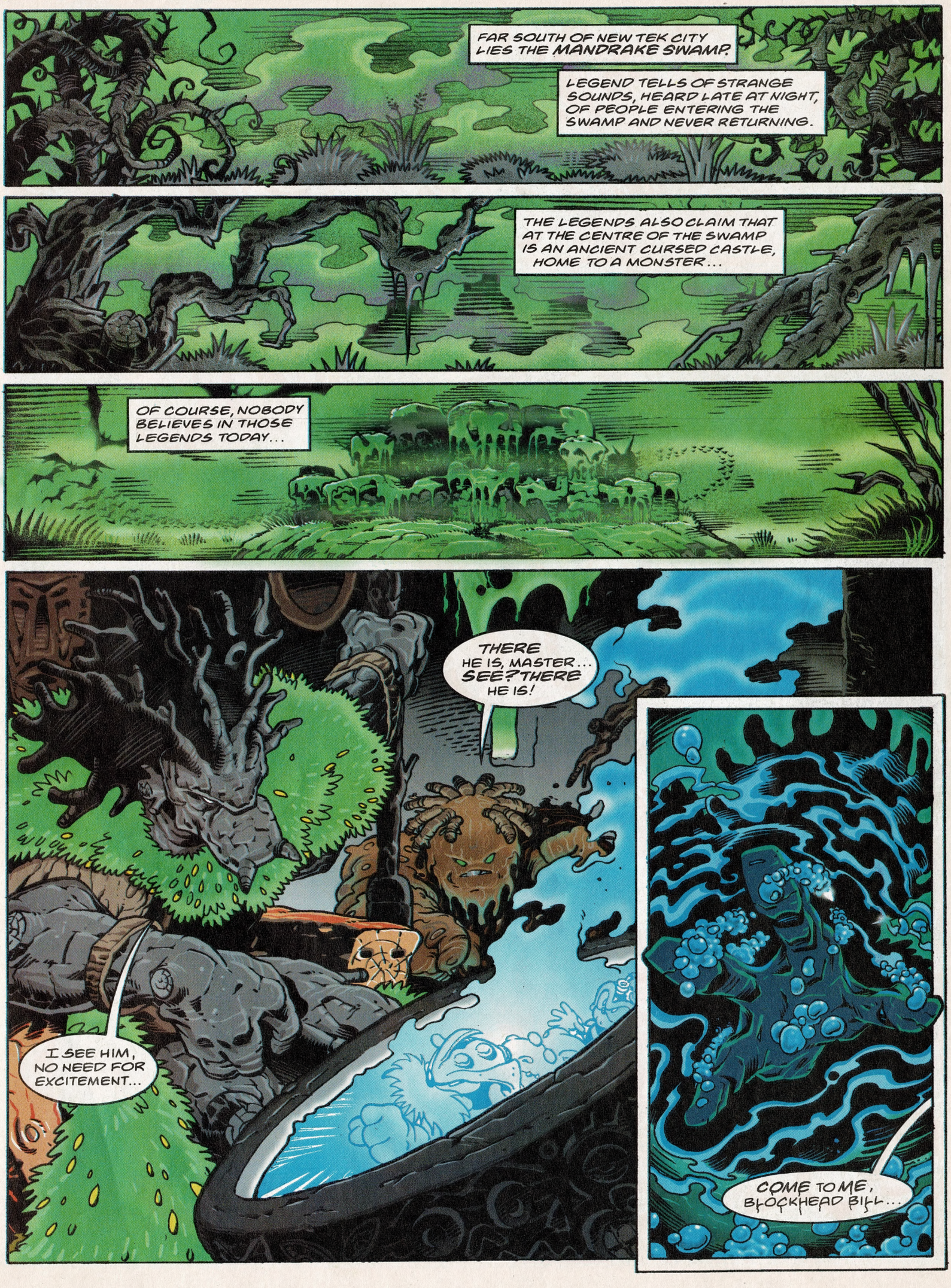

NEW - PART 1
SONIC
ROOTS
Script: NIGEL KITCHING • Art: RICHARD ELSON • Lettering: ELLIE de'VILLE
CHAOTIX TOWER, NEW TEK CITY IN THE SPECIAL ZONE.
CHAOTIX
SO THAT'S IT, IS IT? YOU DRAGGED ME ALL THE WAY HERE FOR THAT?
BUT SONIC, BY USING THIS OMNI-DOOR, YOU CAN CROSS DIMENSIONS INTO THE SPECIAL ZONE WHENEVER YOU WANT!
THAT'S JUST THE POINT, VECTOR... I DON'T WANT TO COME INTO THIS CRAZY DIMENSION!
WHENEVER I DO COME TO THE SPECIAL ZONE, STUPID THINGS HAPPEN TO ME!

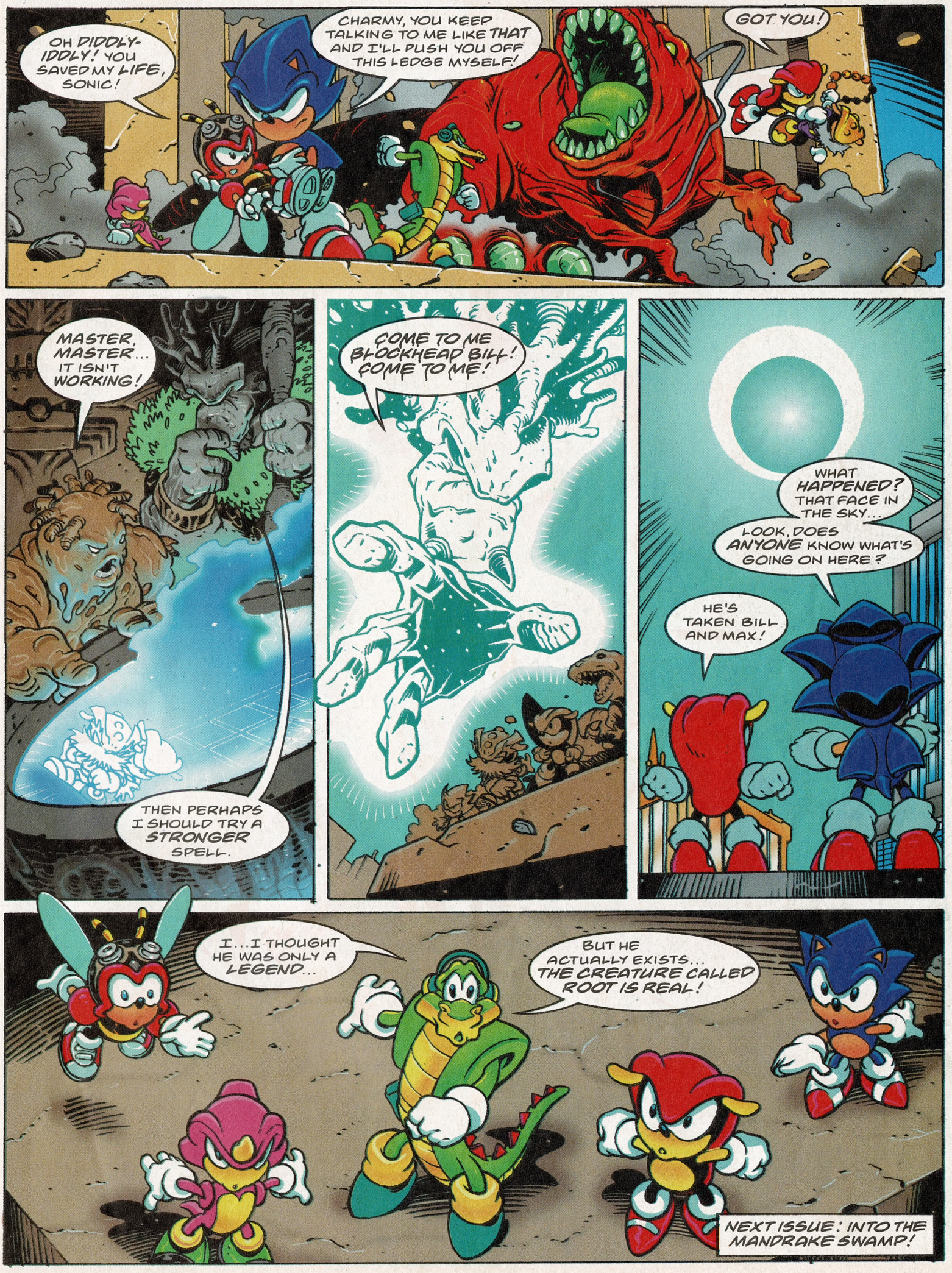
THE FIRST THING THAT HAPPENS TO ME THIS TIME, IS I'M ATTACKED BY THIS...THIS...
THE NAME'S BLOCKHEAD BILL, SONNY! HOW WAS I TO KNOW YOU WERE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!
TAKE IT EASY, MY DAD GETS A LITTLE... CONFUSED SOMETIMES!
'CONFUSED', MIGHTY! YOUR DAD AND HIS PAL, SOCIETY MAX, NEARLY POUNDED ME INTO THE GROUND!
SO, ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SETTING UP A DOORWAY BETWEEN OUR DIMENSIONS, OR NOT?
OKAY ESPIO, I'LL GET IN TOUCH WITH PORKER LEWIS, HE'S A TECHNICAL WIZARD. I GUESS A DOORWAY BETWEEN OUR DIMENSIONS MIGHT BE USEFUL.
YIPPY-DIPPY-DO! NOW I CAN VISIT PLANET MOBIUS WHENEVER I WANT!
I CAN HARDLY WAIT, CHARMY!

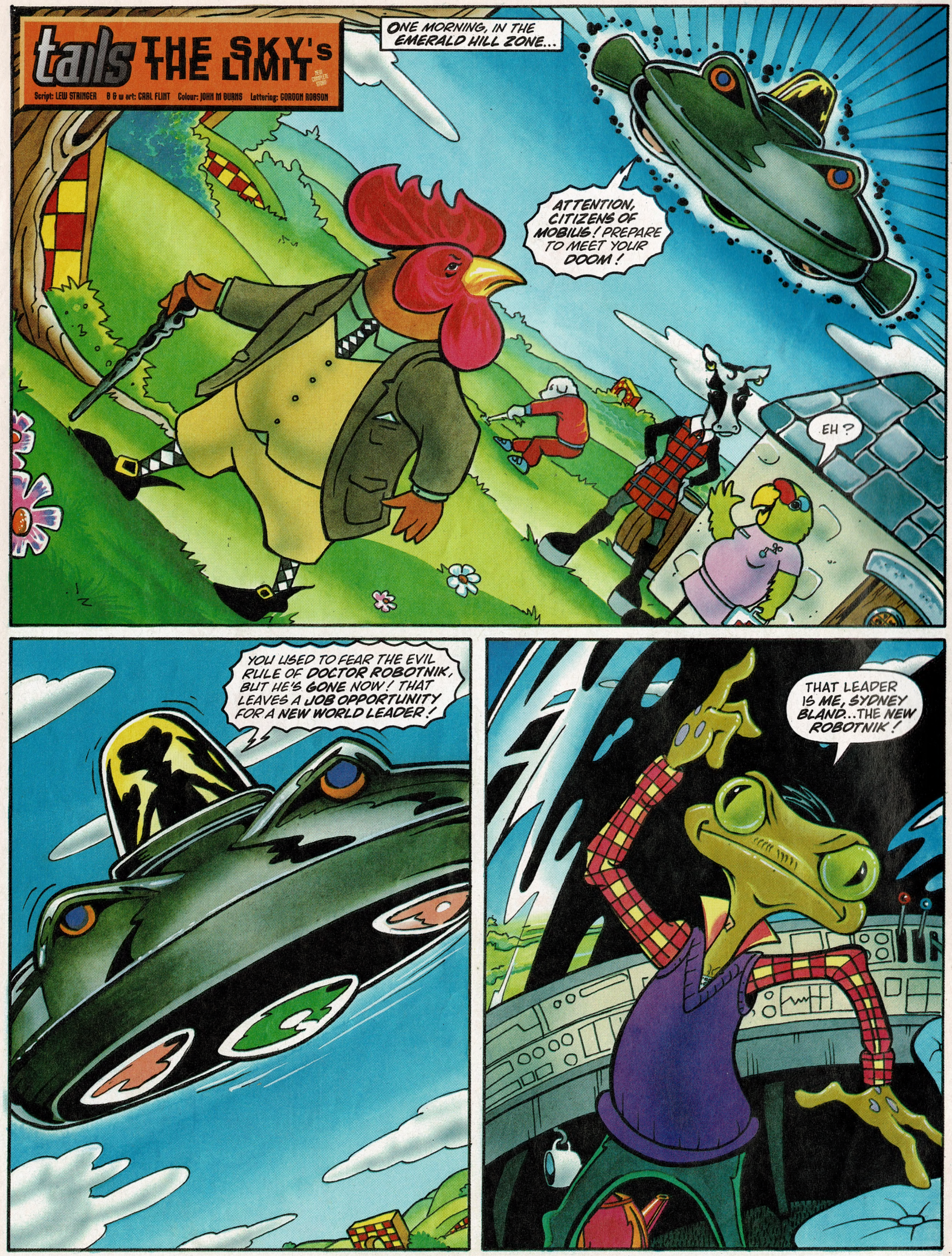

FAR SOUTH OF NEW TEK CITY LIES THE MANDRAKE SWAMP.
LEGEND TELLS OF STRANGE SOUNDS, HEARD LATE AT NIGHT, OF PEOPLE ENTERING THE SWAMP AND NEVER RETURNING.
THE LEGENDS ALSO CLAIM THAT AT THE CENTRE OF THE SWAMP IS AN ANCIENT CURSED CASTLE, HOME TO A MONSTER...
OF COURSE, NOBODY BELIEVES IN THOSE LEGENDS TODAY...
THERE HE IS, MASTER... SEE? THERE HE IS!
I SEE HIM, NO NEED FOR EXCITEMENT...
COME TO ME, BLOCKHEAD BILL...

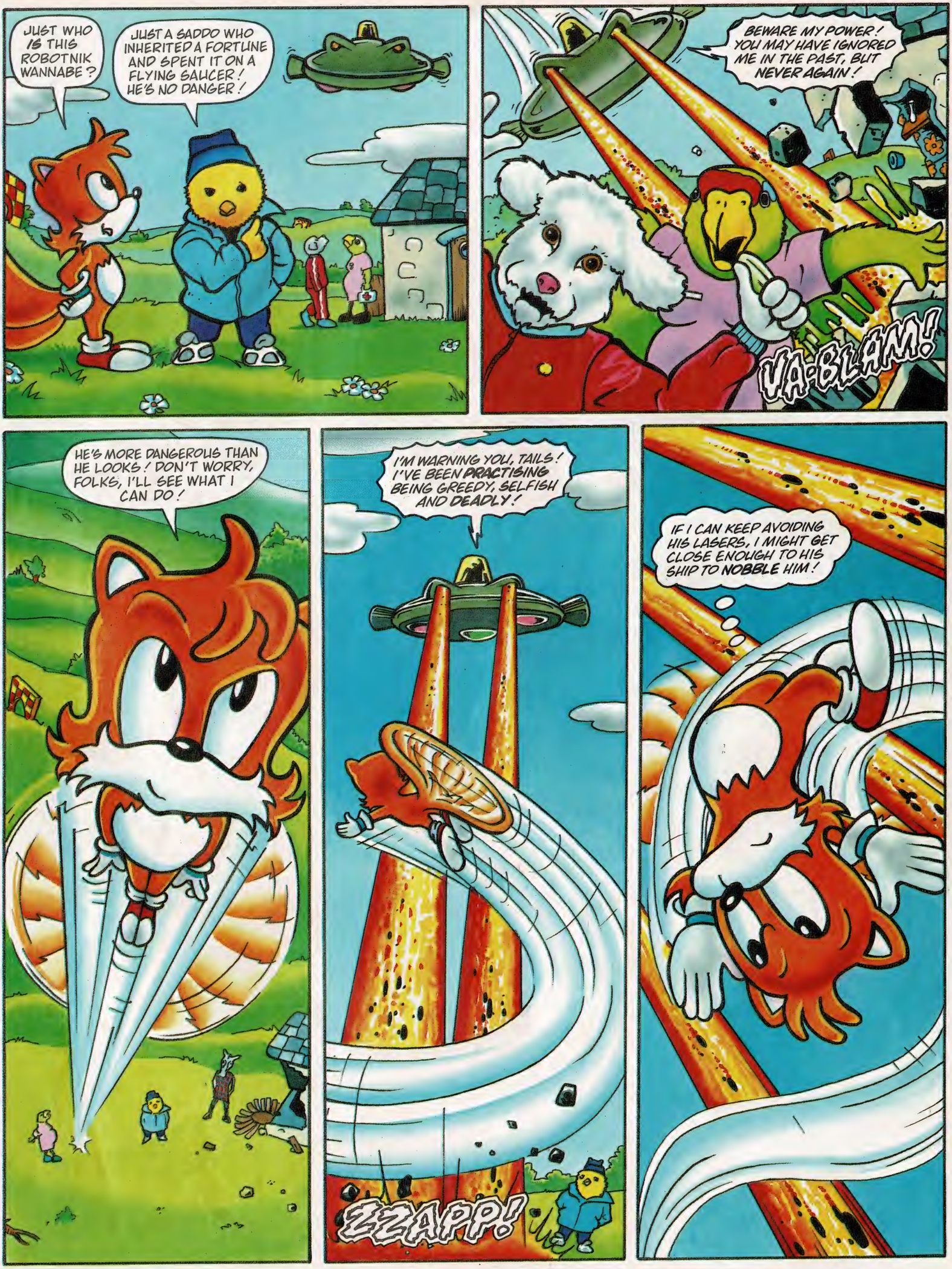
I'VE GOTTA GO NOW! GOT THINGS TO DO!
WHAT THINGS, DAD? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
TRYING TO STOP ME, EH? CONFOUND IT, BOY, NOBODY TELLS BLOCK-HEAD BILL WHAT TO DO!
OH BOY... LOOKS LIKE HE'S OFF AGAIN!
CALM DOWN!
STOP HIM... HE'S GOING FOR A MANDRAKE ROOT!
OH DEAR. BOY, NOT ANOTHER OF THOSE GHASTLY ROOTS!
TOO LATE!
SEE? SAME KIND OF STUPID STUFF. EVERY TIME I WIND UP IN THE SPECIAL ZONE!

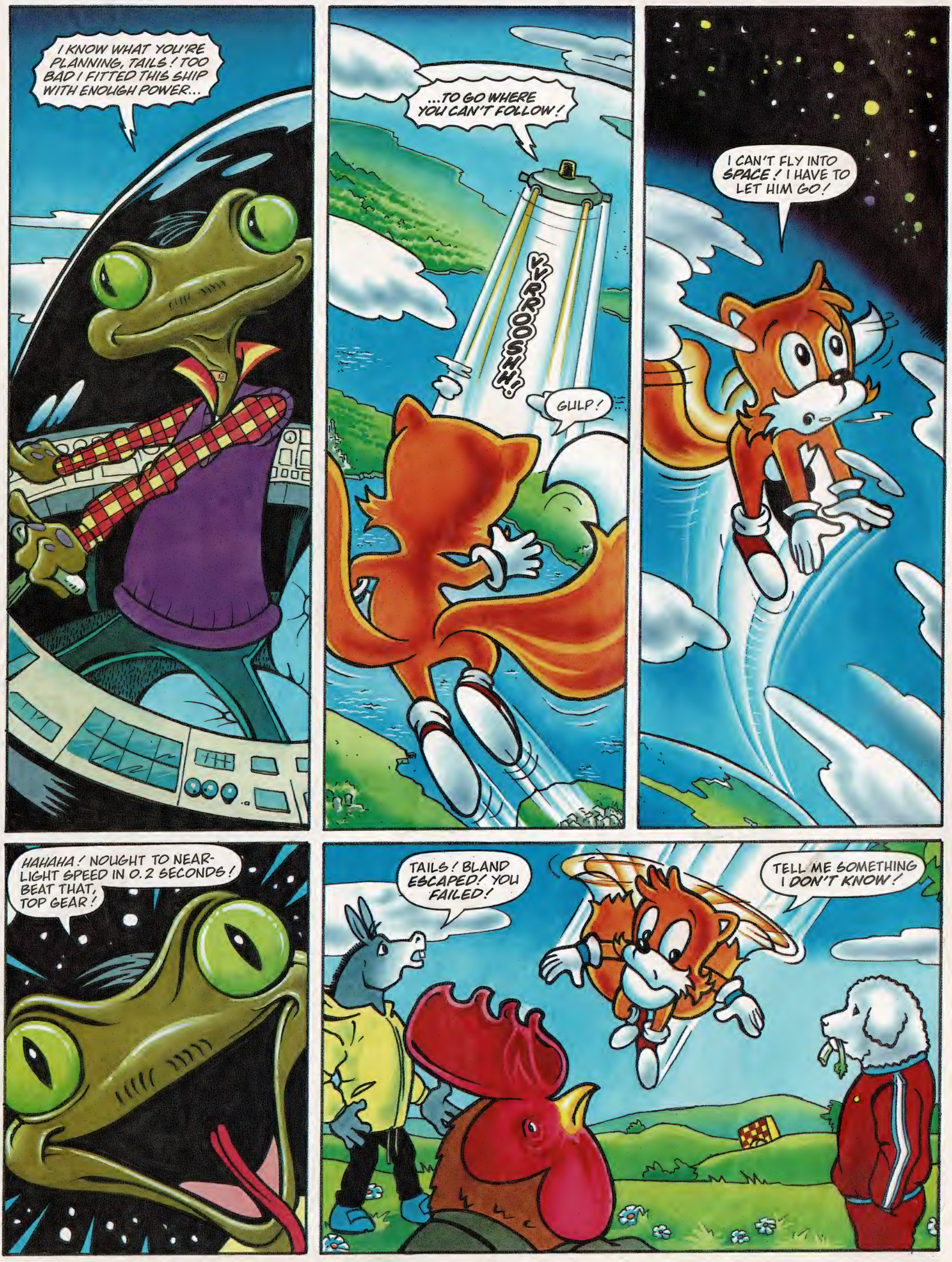
CRASSH!
LOOK OUT!
I'M SORRY ABOUT THIS, DAD, BUT YOU'RE GIVING ME NO CHOICE!
KA-ROOM
MIGHTY, WE HAVE ENOUGH PROBLEMS GETTING INSURANCE ON THIS PLACE, WITHOUT YOU KNOCKING DINOSAURS THROUGH THE WALL.
SORRY, VECTOR... I DON'T KNOW MY OWN STRENGTH!

LOOK OUT!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
LOOKS LIKE IT'S CHAOTIX IN A LIFE OR DEATH STRUGGLE WITH SOME KIND OF DINOSAUR!
CHAOTIX
SHEESH! WHY CAN'T THEY MOVE TO SOME PLACE OUT OF THE CITY? THIS SORT OF THING HAPPENS EVERY WEEK!
GET OUT OF HERE, YOU ORNERY VARMINT!
SWAK!
CHARMY!
IT'S NO GOOD, WE CAN'T SAVE HIM!
RELAX... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG'S ON THE CASE!

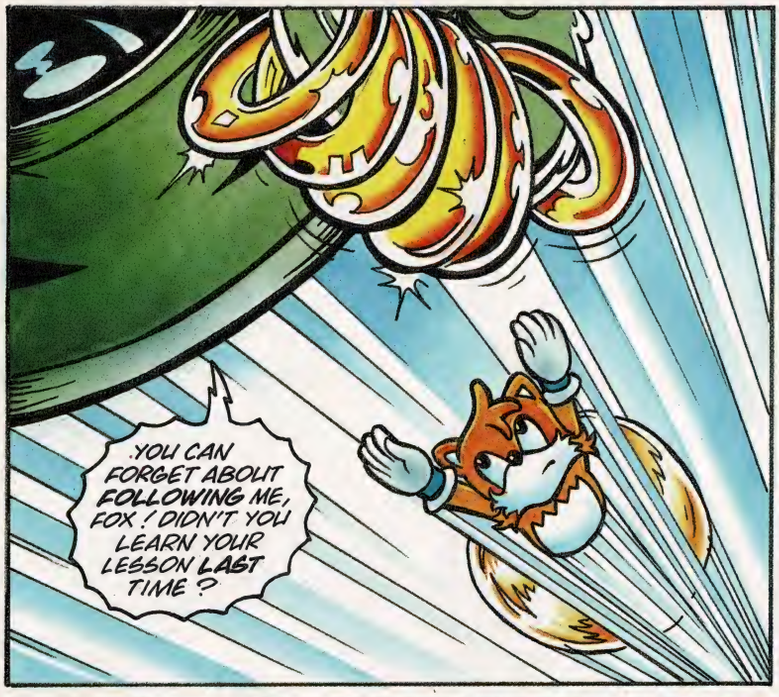

OH DIDDLY-IDDLY! YOU SAVED MY LIFE, SONIC!
CHARMY, YOU KEEP TALKING TO ME LIKE THAT AND I'LL PUSH YOU OFF THIS LEDGE MYSELF!
GOT YOU!
MASTER, MASTER... IT ISN'T WORKING!
THEN PERHAPS I SHOULD TRY A STRONGER SPELL.
COME TO ME BLOCKHEAD BILL! COME TO ME!
WHAT HAPPENED? THAT FACE IN THE SKY...
LOOK, DOES ANYONE KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
HE'S TAKEN BILL AND MAX!
I...I THOUGHT HE WAS ONLY A LEGEND...
BUT HE ACTUALLY EXISTS... THE CREATURE CALLED ROOT IS REAL!
NEXT ISSUE: INTO THE MANDRAKE SWAMP!

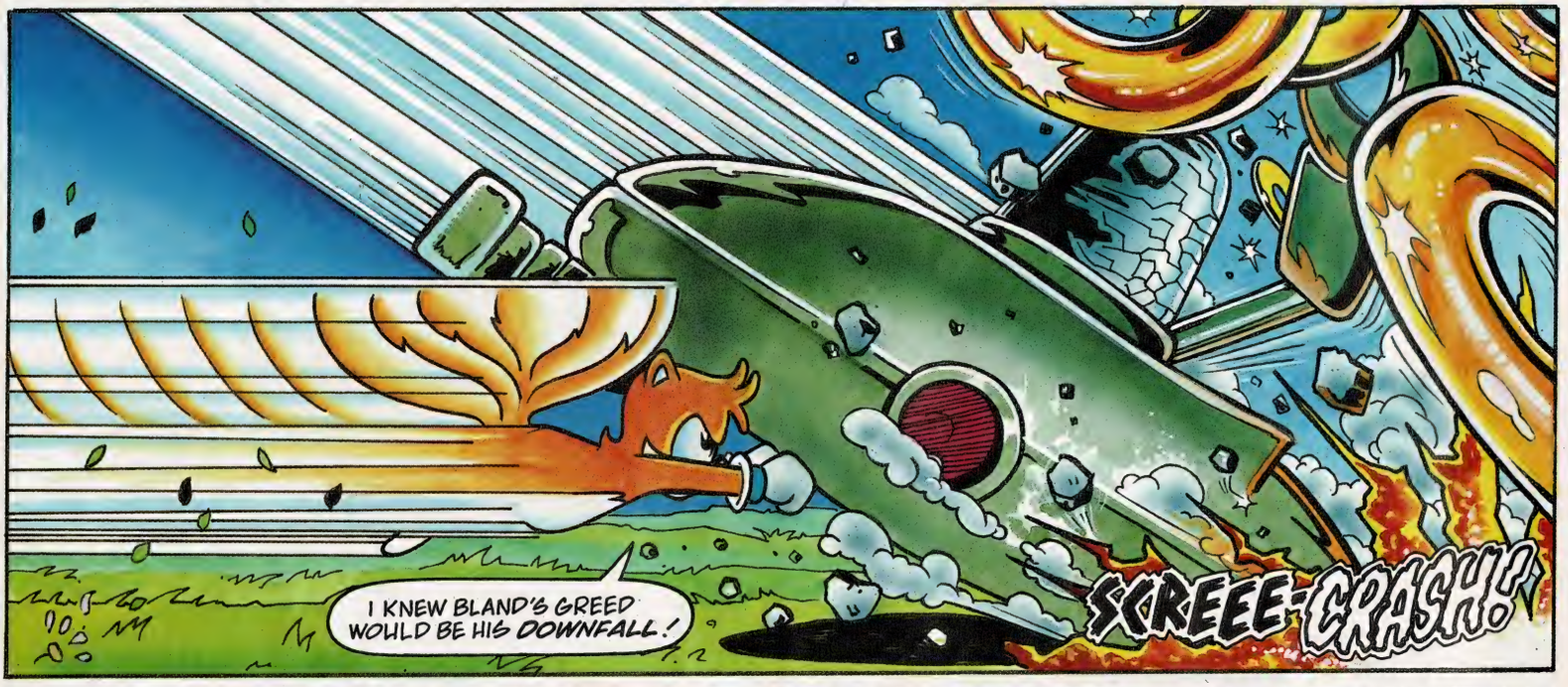

tails THE SKY's THE LIMIT
Script: LEW STRINGER B & w art: CARL FLINT Colour: JOHN M BURNS Lettering: GORDON ROBSON
ONE MORNING, IN THE EMERALD HILL ZONE...
ATTENTION, CITIZENS OF MOBIUS! PREPARE TO MEET YOUR DOOM!
EH?
YOU USED TO FEAR THE EVIL RULE OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK, BUT HE'S GONE NOW! THAT LEAVES A JOB OPPORTUNITY FOR A NEW WORLD LEADER!
THAT LEADER IS ME, SYDNEY BLAND...THE NEW ROBOTNIK!

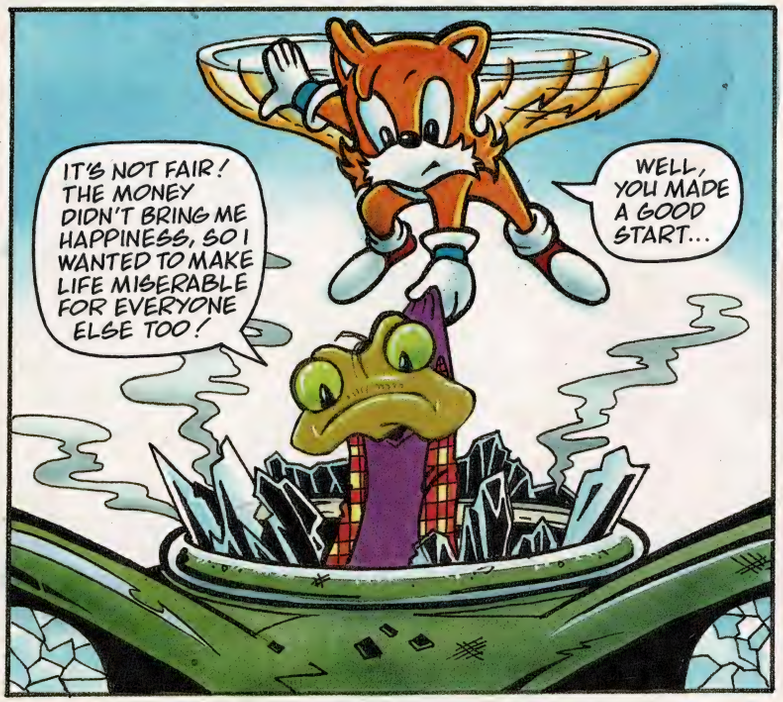

JUST WHO IS THIS ROBOTNIK WANNABE?
JUST A SADDO WHO INHERITED A FORTUNE AND SPENT IT ON A FLYING SAUCER! HE'S NO DANGER!
BEWARE MY POWER! YOU MAY HAVE IGNORED ME IN THE PAST, BUT NEVER AGAIN!
VA-BLAM!
HE'S MORE DANGEROUS THAN HE LOOKS! DON'T WORRY, FOLKS, I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO!
I'M WARNING YOU, TAILS! I'VE BEEN PRACTISING BEING GREEDY, SELFISH AND DEADLY!
ZZAPP!
IF I CAN KEEP AVOIDING HIS LASERS, I MIGHT GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO HIS SHIP TO NOBBLE HIM!

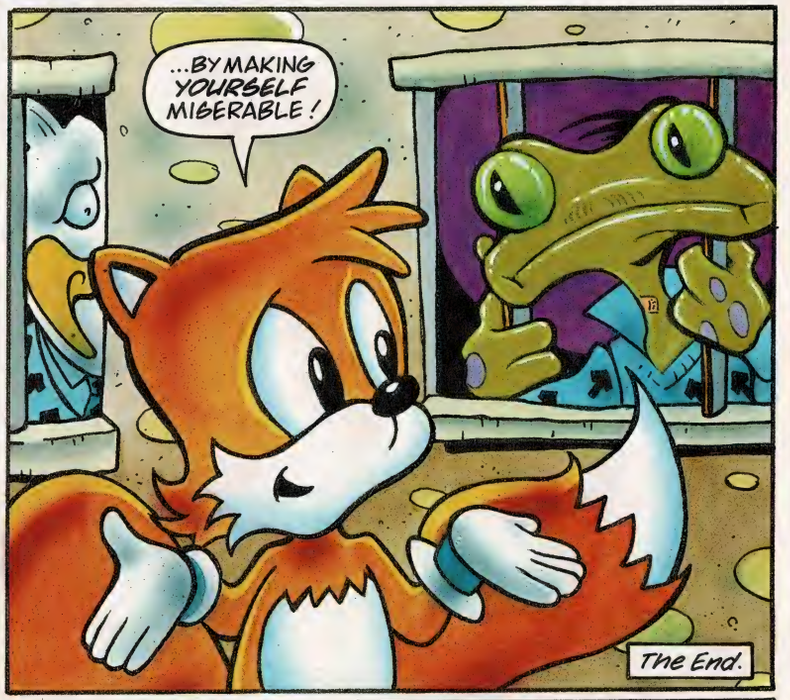

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE PLANNING, TAILS! TOO BAD I FITTED THIS SHIP WITH ENOUGH POWER...
...TO GO WHERE YOU CAN'T FOLLOW!
VVRROOSHH!
GULP!
I CAN'T FLY INTO SPACE! I HAVE TO LET HIM GO!
HAHAHA! NOUGHT TO NEAR-LIGHT SPEED IN 0.2 SECONDS! BEAT THAT, TOP GEAR!
TAILS! BLAND ESCAPED! YOU FAILED!
TELL ME SOMETHING I DON'T KNOW!

SOMETHING BLAND SAID ABOUT BEING GREEDY GIVES ME AN IDEA HOW TO STOP HIM! HERE'S WHAT WE DO...
TELL US! I'M ALL EARS!
NEXT DAY...
Hmm! WONDER WHAT'S ON THE NEWS?
A SHIPMENT OF VALUABLE GOLD RINGS ARE BEING TRANSPORTED FROM THE ELDORADO ZONE TO EMERALD HILL TODAY!
HEH-HEH-HEH! HOW CAN I RESIST?
TAILS! HERE HE COMES!
LET'S HOPE THIS WORKS!
MINE! ALL MINE!






IT'S NOT FAIR! THE MONEY DIDN'T BRING ME HAPPINESS, SO I WANTED TO MAKE LIFE MISERABLE FOR EVERYONE ELSE TOO!
WELL, YOU MADE A GOOD START...



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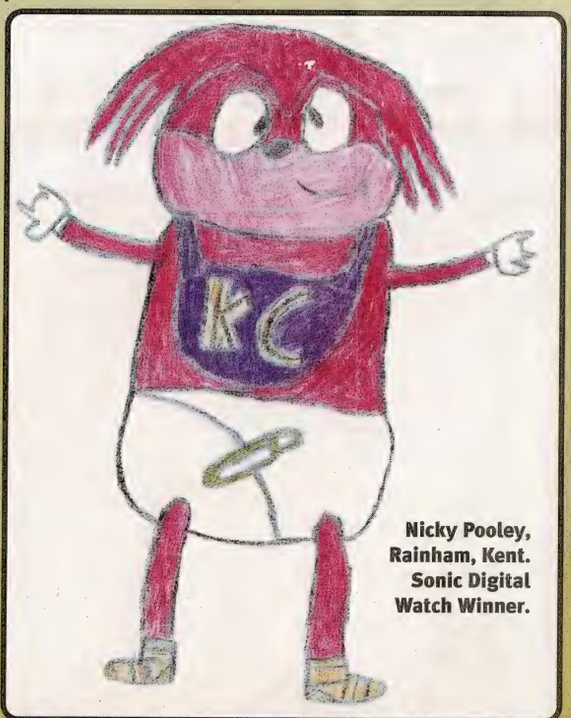

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What do you think?

Allan Fraser, Larbert, Stirlingshire, Scotland. Enamel Badge Prize Winner.

I think you've a very fertile imagination, Allan!

POETIC JUSTICE

Dear Megadroid,

STC's the best mag around,
It's got stories that are truly grand.
STC's the one you should buy,
It comes out each fortnight,
Leaves the rest high and dry!

Sam Povey
Mansfield Woodhouse, Nottinghamshire.
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Obviously a hume of taste,
Finger on the pulse,
Clearly on the case!

Sonic gets in the holiday spirit!
John Worthington, Inverness, Scotland. MD owner. Enamel Badge Prize Winner.

WHAT'S THE STORY

Dear *STC*,

I thought up my own idea for a script, which I thought you might be interested to hear...

Sonic decides to visit Knuckles, but as he runs past the Emerald Chamber, there's an explosion! Sonic looks inside, where the evil Doctor Robotnik and some Badniks, are stealing the master emerald.

Sonic speeds to Knuckles house to tell him what's happening and they rush back to the emerald chamber. Robotnik spots them and whispers: "That's it, come closer!".

As they step into the room, they are grabbed and spun around. Metallix and Knucklix are connecting wires into their bodies because they're going to be used as organic batteries!

Suddenly, the Chaotix Crew appear and destroy the Badniks, but are too late to stop Metallix and Knucklix, who have already powered their death ray to full power. They shoot at Chaotix and then escape.

The story continues...

Lauren Gloster, Bradford, W Yorkshire. Enamel Badge Prize Winner.

A script hume in the making, Lauren, so keep on writing.

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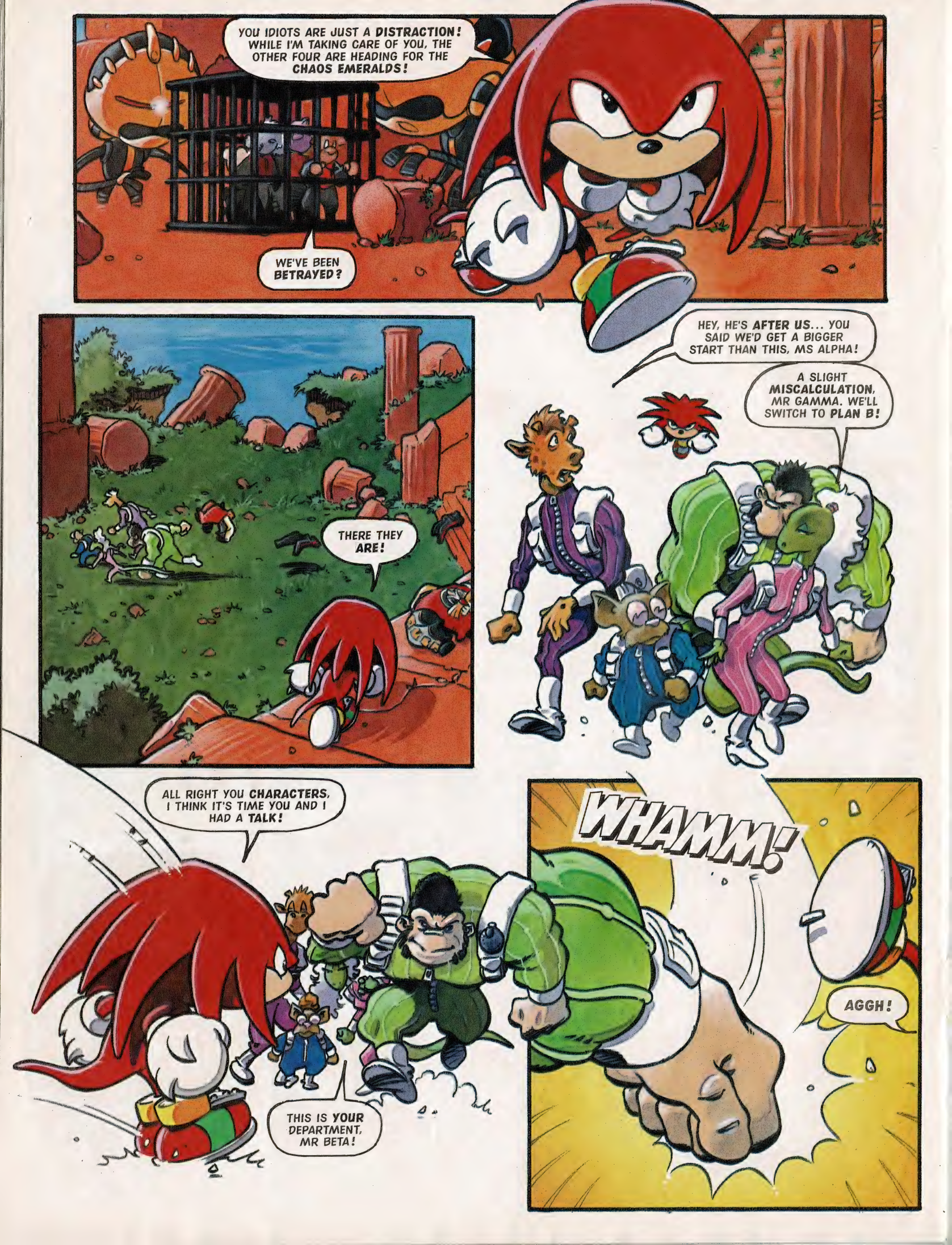
ONE FINE DAY ON MOBIUS...
LOOK IT'S THOSE AWFUL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK SUPPORTERS... DRAT!*
WELL, WHATEVER THEY'RE PLANNING, IT'S SURE TO FAIL!
*DOCTOR ROBOTNIK APPRECIATION TRIBE— Megadroid.
IN A FEW HOURS WE WILL ARRIVE AT THE FLOATING ISLAND... AND THEN THE CHAOS EMERALDS WILL BE OURS!
REMEMBER TO WAIT FOR MY SIGNAL.
BRING BACK THE DOCTOR!
NEW! PART 1
THE TAKE-OVER
KNUCKLES
Script: NIGEL KITCHING • Art: NIGEL DOBBYN • Lettering: TOM FRAME

MEANWHILE ON THE FLOATING ISLAND, KNUCKLES IS HAVING A QUIET DAY.
EVERY SYSTEM IS WORKING PERFECTLY, KNUCKLES... I'VE NEVER SEEN THE FLOATING ISLAND IN SUCH GOOD SHAPE!
YOU'RE RIGHT, PORKER... FOR THE FIRST TIME I FEEL REALLY IN CONTROL!
ZEEP
ZEEP
A SHIP... IT'S BROKEN THROUGH THE ISLAND'S PROTECTIVE FORCE FIELD!
IT'S USING SOME KIND OF SOPHISTICATED JAMMING DEVICE!
IT'S HEADING FOR THE RUINED CITY OF MEGOPOLIS! I'LL TAKE THE ZOOM TUBE AND CHECK IT OUT!
I'LL... ER, KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS FROM HERE.
NO SIGN OF THAT SHIP. JUST MY ROBOTS CARRYING ON WITH REPAIRS TO THE ANCIENT BUILDINGS.
AH HAH!

LOOKS LIKE MY ROBOTS ARE ON THE CASE!
LEADER! WHAT DO WE DO?
ALL FOUR NEW MEMBERS SAID THEY COULD DEAL WITH THE ROBOTS! SO WHERE ARE THEY ?
THEY RAN OFF AS SOON AS WE LANDED!
I RECOGNISE YOU CHUMPS, YOU'RE MEMBERS OF THAT IDIOTIC DRAT!
ONE DAY ROBOTNIK WILL RETURN!
SURE, SURE!
LOOK, I HEARD YOU MENTION FOUR NEW MEMBERS?
WE PLANNED TO STEAL THE CHAOS EMERALDS AS A GIFT FOR GREAT DOCTOR ROBOTNIK ON HIS RETURN!
ALL WE NEEDED WAS A WAY TO GET PAST THE FLOATING ISLAND'S FORCE FIELD AND ROBOTS!
AND THESE FOUR SAID THEY COULD HANDLE IT...
BUT THE MINUTE YOU LAND, THEY RUN OFF?


YOU IDIOTS ARE JUST A DISTRACTION! WHILE I'M TAKING CARE OF YOU, THE OTHER FOUR ARE HEADING FOR THE CHAOS EMERALDS!
WE'VE BEEN BETRAYED?
HEY, HE'S AFTER US... YOU SAID WE'D GET A BIGGER START THAN THIS, MS ALPHA!
A SLIGHT MISCALCULATION, MR GAMMA. WE'LL SWITCH TO PLAN B!
THERE THEY ARE!
ALL RIGHT YOU CHARACTERS, I THINK IT'S TIME YOU AND I HAD A TALK!
THIS IS YOUR DEPARTMENT, MR BETA!
WHAMM!
AGGH!

THWOK!
MR DELTA, WOULD YOU TAKE CARE OF KNUCKLES, PLEASE?
PLEASURE, MA'AM!
WHAT? I... I CAN'T SEE!
THE EFFECT IS ONLY TEMPORARY...
MR BETA, THROW HIM OFF THE ISLAND!
WHAT?
DON'T WORRY, KNUCKLES. IN A FEW SECONDS YOUR SIGHT WILL RETURN. THEN YOU CAN GLIDE SAFELY DOWN TO MOBIUS!
OF COURSE, BY THE TIME YOU MANAGE TO GET BACK TO THE FLOATING ISLAND, WE'LL HAVE COMPLETED WHAT WE CAME TO DO!
HAPPY LANDINGS!
NEXT ISSUE: KNUCKLES BOUNCES BACK!

Sonic
THE HEDGEHOG
CASINO NIGHT PART 2
THINGS ARE NOT GOING WELL FOR SONIC AND PORKER LEWIS IN THE CASINO NIGHT ZONE...
HEY, WHODA THOUGHT IT, BOSS? THAT WE THREE MARXIO BRO'S WOULDA BEEN THE ONES TO POLISH OFFA THE FAMOUS SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!
WITH MY BRAINS, HOW COULD WE LOSE?
WHATTAYOU MEAN? THIS TRAP, SHE WAS-A MY IDEA!
OH, TRYING TO TAKE ALL THE CREDIT FOR YOURSELF EH? WE'LL DISCUSS THIS LATER, CHICIO!

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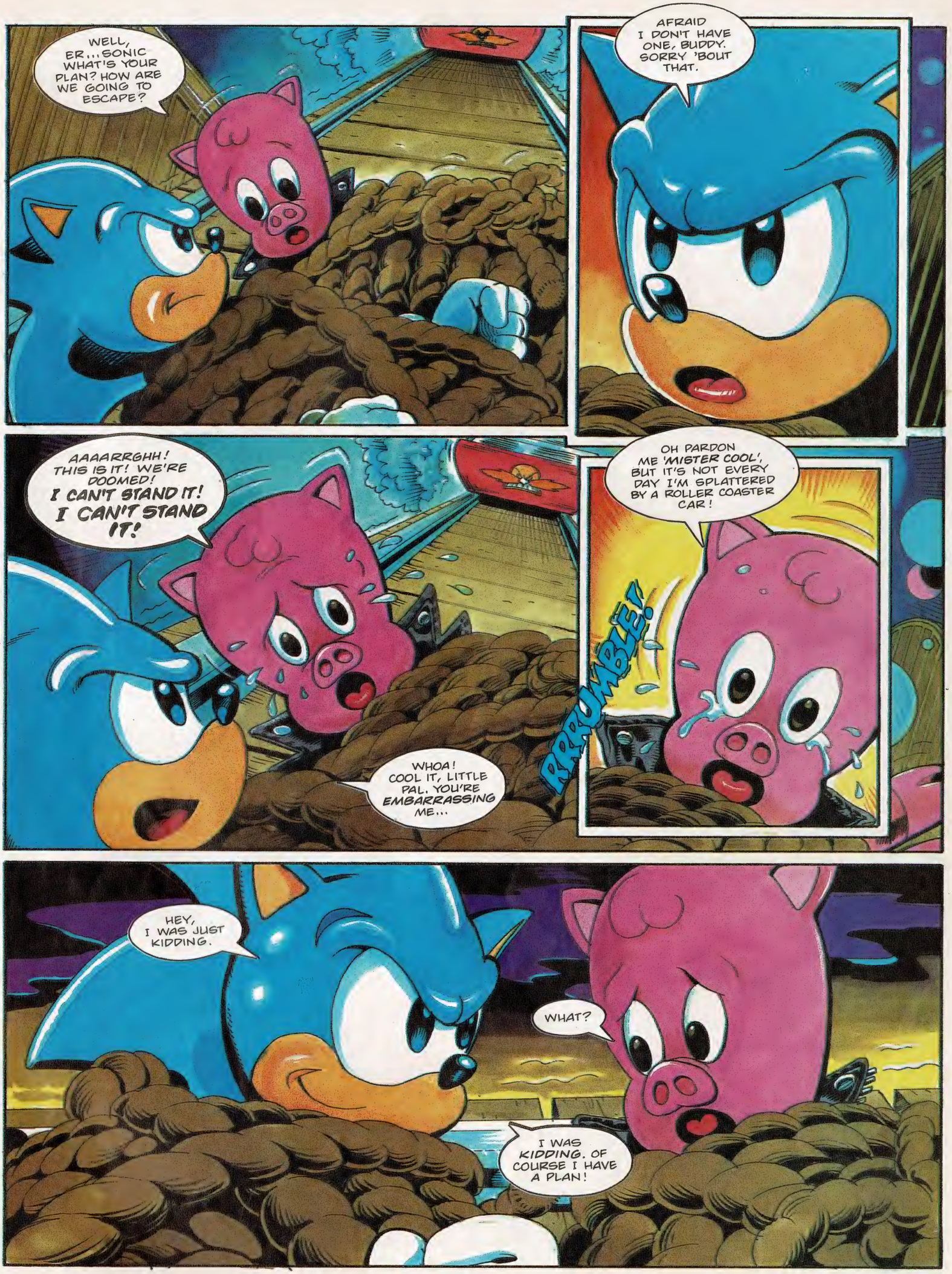
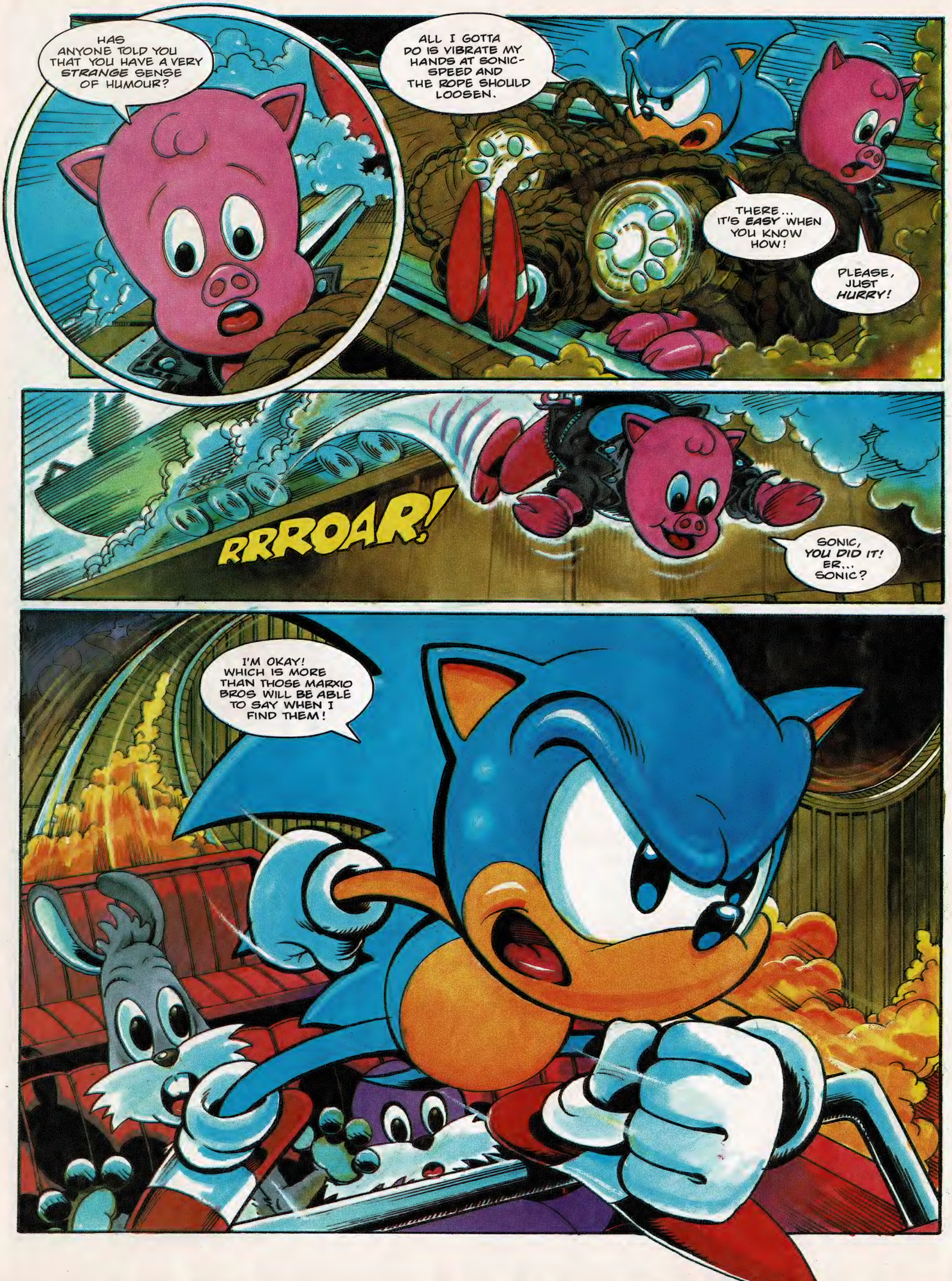
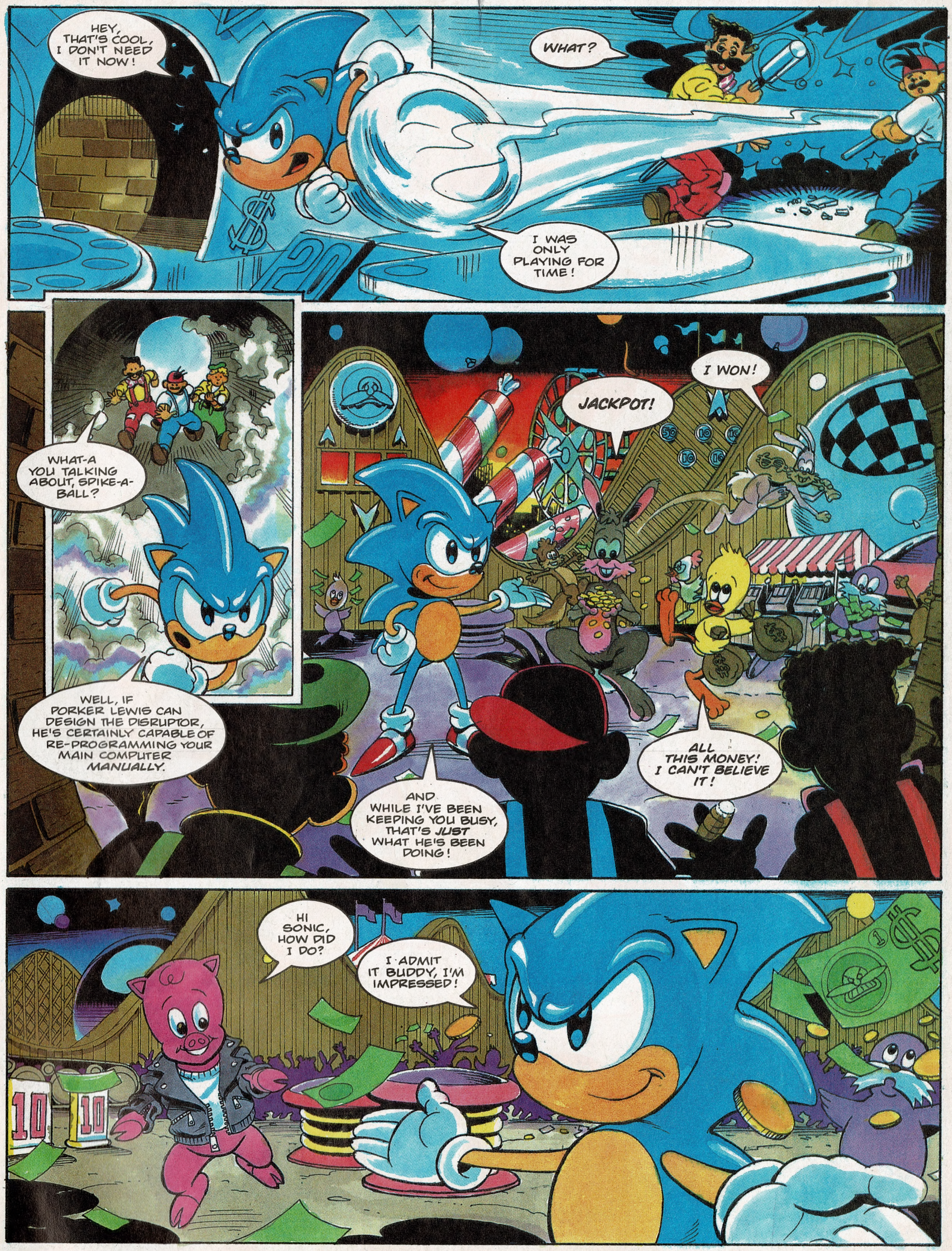
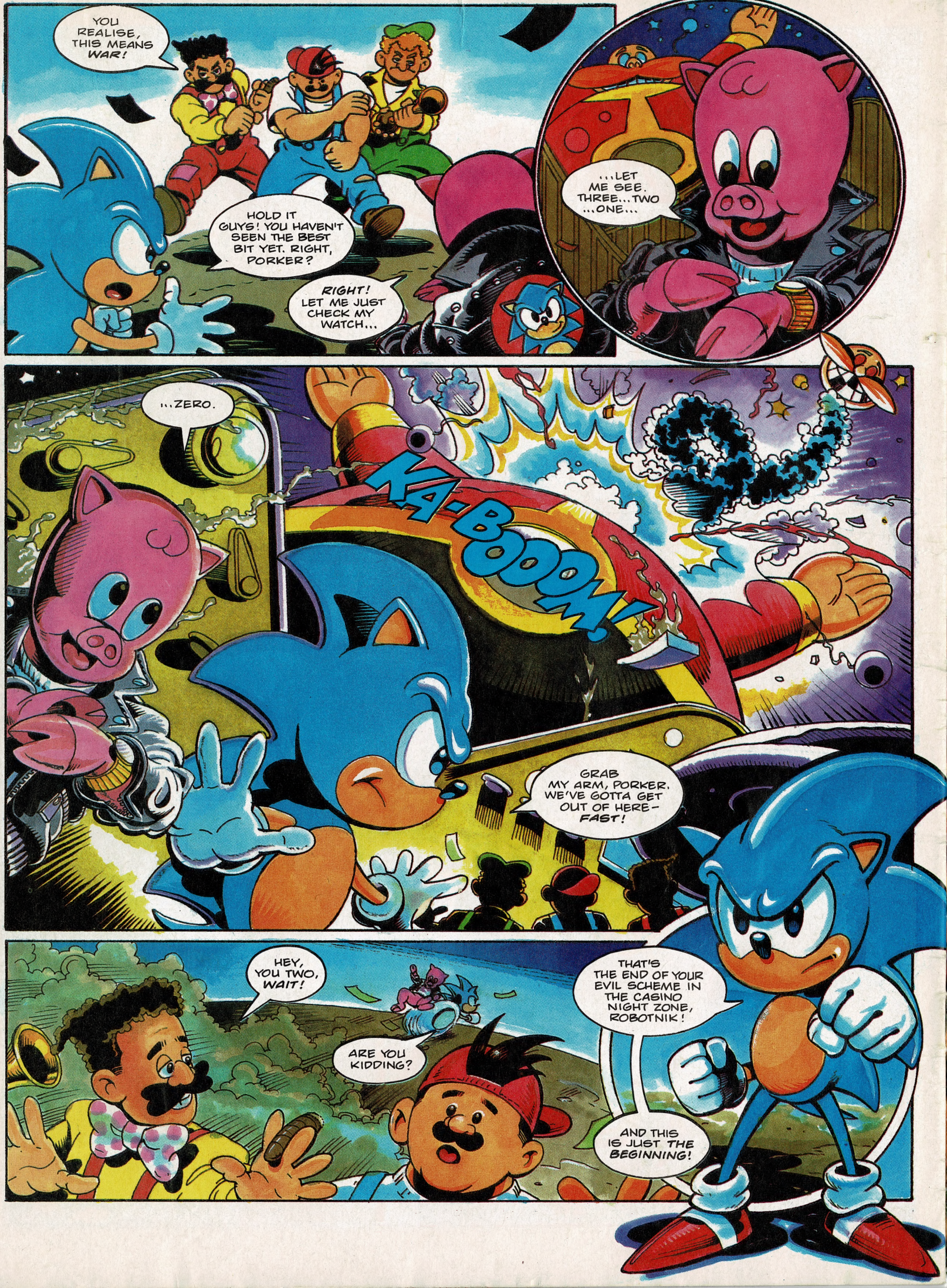

WELL, ER...SONIC WHAT'S YOUR PLAN? HOW ARE WE GOING TO ESCAPE?
AFRAID I DON'T HAVE ONE, BUDDY. SORRY 'BOUT THAT.
AAAARRGHH! THIS IS IT! WE'RE DOOMED! I CAN'T STAND IT! I CAN'T STAND IT!
WHOA! COOL IT, LITTLE PAL. YOU'RE EMBARRASSING ME...
OH PARDON ME 'MISTER COOL', BUT IT'S NOT EVERY DAY I'M SPLATTERED BY A ROLLER COASTER CAR!
RRRUMBLE!
HEY, I WAS JUST KIDDING.
WHAT?
I WAS KIDDING. OF COURSE I HAVE A PLAN!


HAS ANYONE TOLD YOU THAT YOU HAVE A VERY STRANGE SENSE OF HUMOUR?
ALL I GOTTA DO IS VIBRATE MY HANDS AT SONIC-SPEED AND THE ROPE SHOULD LOOSEN.
THERE... IT'S EASY WHEN YOU KNOW HOW!
PLEASE, JUST HURRY!
RRROAR!
SONIC, YOU DID IT! ER... SONIC?
I'M OKAY! WHICH IS MORE THAN THOSE MARXIO BROS WILL BE ABLE TO SAY WHEN I FIND THEM!

THIS IDEA OF YOURS WAS REALLY DUMB, CHICIO!
OH, SO IT'S-A MY IDEA AGAIN, IS IT?
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE ME, YOU CLOWNS!
NO ADMITTANCE TO PUBLIC
CAN'T BLAME US FOR TRYING, SPIKEY!
THE MARXIOS KNOW THIS ZONE LIKE THE BACK OF THEIR HANDS. I MUST BE CRAZY FOLLOWING THEM THIS WAY.
ALTHOUGH, I DO HAVE MY REPUTATION TO THINK OF!
I KNEW IT! I'M BACK IN THE HEART OF THE CASINO NIGHT ZONE!
I BARELY MADE IT OUT ALIVE LAST TIME I WAS HERE!*
IS THIS WHAT YOU'RE AFTER?
WE DON'T-A KNOW WHAT IT IS, BUT IT SEEMED PRETTY IMPORTANT TO YOU AND YOUR BUDDY!

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT IT IS, MOUSTACHE-CHOPS!
DI-ONG!
IT'S A DISRUPTOR. DESIGNED TO RE-PROGRAM YOUR MASTER COMPUTER, SO THAT YOUR GAMING MACHINES WILL PAY OUT.
HEY, I'VE-A GOT THOSE MACHINES PROGRAMMED SO THEY'LL-A NEVER PAY OUT!
NOT ONCE I GET HOLD OF THE DISRUPTOR!
THINK AGAIN KID!
OOPS, HOW CARELESS OF ME!
ZZ-KRAK!


HEY, THAT'S COOL, I DON'T NEED IT NOW!
WHAT?
I WAS ONLY PLAYING FOR TIME!
WHAT-A YOU TALKING ABOUT, SPIKE-A-BALL?
WELL, IF PORKER LEWIS CAN DESIGN THE DISRUPTOR, HE'S CERTAINLY CAPABLE OF RE-PROGRAMMING YOUR MAIN COMPUTER MANUALLY.
AND WHILE I'VE BEEN KEEPING YOU BUSY, THAT'S JUST WHAT HE'S BEEN DOING!
JACKPOT!
I WON!
ALL THIS MONEY! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
HI SONIC, HOW DID I DO?
I ADMIT IT BUDDY, I'M IMPRESSED!


YOU REALISE, THIS MEANS WAR!
HOLD IT GUYS! YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE BEST BIT YET. RIGHT, PORKER?
RIGHT! LET ME JUST CHECK MY WATCH...
...LET ME SEE. THREE...TWO ...ONE...
...ZERO.
KA-BOOM!
GRAB MY ARM, PORKER. WE'VE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE - FAST!
HEY, YOU TWO, WAIT!
ARE YOU KIDDING?
THAT'S THE END OF YOUR EVIL SCHEME IN THE CASINO NIGHT ZONE, ROBOTNIK!
AND THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING!

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